



# Wellington Police Team

## Town Council Report – Aug 2020

During the 4 weeks that have passed since the last Town Council Meeting, the officers that make up the Wellington Police Team have been constantly adapting to changing guidelines in relation to Covid-19, the wearing of masks in enclosed public places being the most significant change in the past week.

Whilst we will not be 'policing' the wearing of masks in shops / supermarkets locally, we will continue to deal with reports of large gatherings, public disorder and blatant disregard for current Covid-19 guidelines.

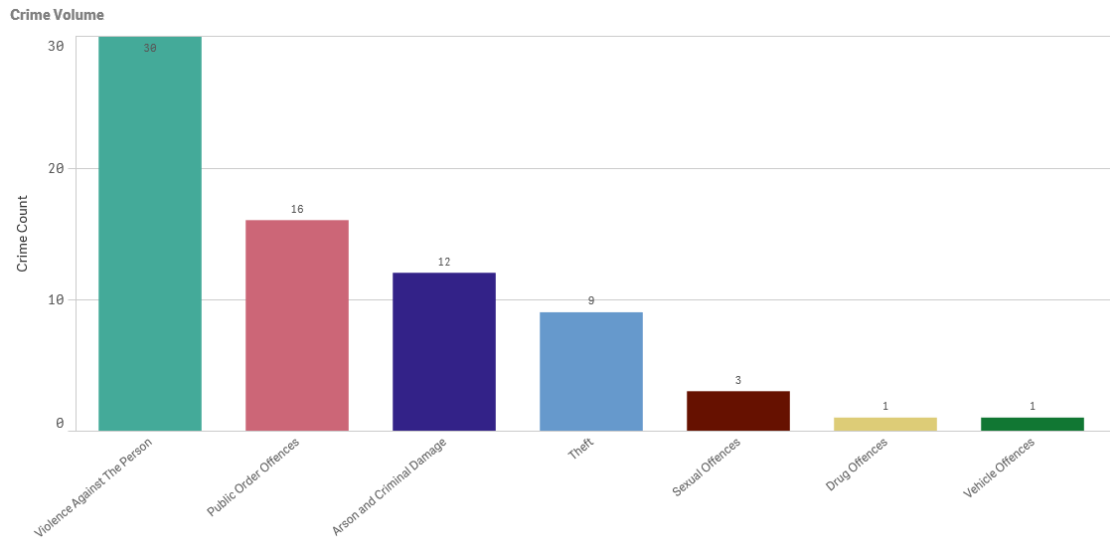
As a force, our approach to any calls / reports of regulation breaches is to explain, engage and encourage people to do the right thing which on the whole has proved successful.

We are pleased to say that with social distancing in mind and whilst taking all appropriate safety measures, over the next couple of weeks the officers from the Wellington Police Team will be recommending their Community Beat Surgeries and some of their other community engagements and commitments across the town.

### **What's been happening?**

- On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the Wellington Police Team held a free 'Bike Marking' session outside Wellington Police Station from 2-5pm. A total of 70 bicycles were security marked, a process that deters thieves and allows the police to easily identify bikes that are stolen.
- Reports of Youth Anti-Social Behaviour over the past 4 weeks have been low with officers carrying out targeted patrols and routinely visiting identified ASB Hotspots.
- There have been increased reports of alcohol related ASB in and around the town centre in recent weeks. Complaints have been made about noise, language and the general conduct of individuals leaving licensed premises. We are in the process of planning to visit any public house identified with the Police Licensing Practitioner for the area and a representatives from the local authority in a bid to ensure Covid-19 safety measures are being adhered to. We will also be increasing patrols within the town centre and doing all we can to ensure a disruption caused to local residents is kept to an absolute minimum.
- With a number of reports of antisocial driving and vehicles travelling at increased speeds in and around the town centre area of Wellington during the lockdown period, we are pleased to see some of our community speed watch schemes beginning to start up again. We are keen to increase the schemes in and around the town. We are currently arranging for a site assessment to be carried out following enquires from residents hoping to start a scheme in the Sylvan Road / Beech Hill area. If any councillors are contacting from residents raising concerns about speeding vehicles, please direct them to the community speed watch section on the Avon and Somerset website or put them in touch with the Wellington Police Team so we can discuss the possibility of a speed watch scheme in their area.

## **Wellington Crime figures for the 4 week period from 6<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2020**



When comparing the above 70 recorded crimes across wellington from the 6<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2020 with the 77 recorded crimes recorded in the proceeding 4 week period we see a slight increase in public order type offences and theft related offences (such as shoplifting with shops reopening). The figures also show a 25% drop in violent related crimes and an 83% drop in vehicle related crime.

### **To end...**

If any member of the council or member of the public wishes to discuss any aspect of policing across the wellington area they can contact me directly, my email address is shown below. I will be only happy to help where I can.

For your information and with kind regards

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